



**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

Applicant(s): Kubo et al.  
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Title: Method For Estimating Amount Of Angular Disagreement Of Planes Of Polarization Of Polarization-Maintaining Optical Fibers And For Connecting Polarization-Maintaining Optical Fibers  
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Docket No.: 113197-24

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**RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION**

Sir:

This Response is submitted in response to the non-final Office Action dated October 28, 2003. Applicants request amendment, reconsideration and allowance of the patent application.

A petition for a three-month time extension and fee are included with this response.

Applicants invite the Examiner to call Applicants' Representative to discuss any issues with this application.

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